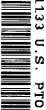


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TIRE BUILDING MACHINE

Sir:

1. Please find enclosed herewith for filing: 9 pages specification, 2 pages (8) claims, 1 page abstract, and 2 pages (3 figures), drawings in support of the above identified application.
2. It is respectfully requested that this application be granted the priority date of February 2, 2001, the filing date of the corresponding German patent application 101 04 774.6. A certified copy of said priority document will be filed later.
3. The Applicant qualifies for small entity status.
4. Appropriate fees will be submitted with a later submittal.

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